Environmental Impacts vs Georgia's Military Bases

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GMACC Mission

- Oversight of the redevelopment planning for the closing bases:
 - Ft McPherson
 - Ft Gillem
 - Navy Supply Corps School
- Liaison with communities impacted by military growth:
 - Ft Benning
 - Moody AFB (T)
 - Ft Stewart (T)

GMACC Mission

- Support to the enduring bases:
 - Ft Benning
 - Ft Stewart
 - Hunter AAF
 - Moody AFB
 - Ft Gordon
 - Kings Bay Submarine Base
 - Marine Corps Logistics Center
 - Dobbins ARB
 - Robins AFB

Enduring Bases---Governor's Guidance

- Fact = Enduring bases provide on the order of \$20B to Georgia's economy.
- Assumption = there will be another BRAC by 2015:
 - Excess military infrastructure still exists.
 - Funding adequacy for the military will continue to be a challenge.
 - Need to reequip the force after the Middle East war.
 - Defense will compete with other major priorities.
- Governor's guidance:
 - Protect Georgia's bases from future closures or major, negative realignments.
 - Recruit additional defense presence.

Impacts of Poor Environmental Condition

- Will be a negative in any BRAC evaluation.
- May adversely impact on a favorable decision to position new military organizations in Georgia.
- Could require the military to reduce its training plans and momentum, thus impacting adversely on readiness.

Conclusion

- Below-standard environmental conditions on Georgia's military bases must continue to be addressed.
- A coordinated, regional plan appears to be the best approach.
- Now is the time to begin